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STATE PASS AGRICULTURE

1. SUMMARY. PRESS REPORTS, AND AGMIN MARCORA IN PUBLIC REMARKS, INDICATE STRONG ITALIAN OPPOSITION TO EC COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON "EXIM" PLAN FOR BEEF AND LIBERALIZATION OF CITRUS JUICE IMPORTS INTO EC. END SUMMARY.

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2. LEKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT NEXT MONTH ON TWO EC COMMISSION

PROPOSALS AS IMPLIED IN REFTEL CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT FROM ITALIAN EXPECTATIONS EXPRESSED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS FOLLOWING EC COUNCIL AGMIN MEETING. CORRIERE DELLA SERA REPORTS THAT ITALY REJECTED COMMISSION "ECIM" PROPOSALS IN WHICH IMPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS WOULD GO ON PARI PASS WITH EXPORT OF FROZEN MEAT IN EC STORAGE. NEWSPAPER SAYS ALL THE LIVE ANIMAL IMPORTS WOULD END UP IN ITALY, TO DETRIMENT AS BALANCE OF TRADE, AND THAT FURTHERMORE ITALY HAS NO FROZEN BEEF SURPLUS PROBLEM.

3. ON ISSUE OF CITRUS JUICES, PRESS REPORTS EC COMMISSION PROPOSALS TO LIBERALIZE INPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY BRAZIL WHERE COSTS BELOW ITALIAN, WOULD DAMAGE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS IN ITALY'S SOUTH. ITALIANS REPORTEDLY WANT SPECIAL PREMIUMS TO MAKE UP THIS DIFFERENCE IN PRODUCTION COSTS, AS WELL AS A FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF ITALY'S NATIONAL NTB'S ON CITRUS JUICE IMPORTS.

4. ALL ABOVE PRESS REMARKS REPEATED FORCEFULLY, ALMOST VERBATIM CITED NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT, BY AGMON MARCORA IN AMRCH 5 DISCOURSE TO YOUNG FARMERS GROUP MEETING IN ROME. MARCORA SAID HE HAD QUOTE LIVELY UNQUOTE DISCUSSIONS OVER BOTH ISSUES WITH LARDINOIS.VOLPE

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